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### Are you having service or billing problems with a telephone company?

### What rules are needed to protect California telephone consumers?

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) wants to hear from you because:

- We need to know about problems and issues that aren't fully addressed by our current rules.
- We are in the process of establishing new rules to protect telephone consumers' rights. These proposed rules would assure that consumers have the right to:
  - (1) select the services they want from the companies they choose;
  - (2) know in advance what they're signing up for and how much it will cost;
  - (3) have their telephone records kept private;
  - (4) be billed accurately and know where they can go when there's a problem;
  - (5) be informed of their rights; and
  - (6) have a say in making up the rules

### You Can Help Write the Rules!

There are several ways for you to express your opinion and to get help with a specific problem:

- You can attend one of the Public Hearings listed below and speak to a CPUC Commissioner and staff.
- You can write to our Public Advisor's Office with opinions about our proposed Consumer Bill of Rights. See below for how to do this.

Either way, *your* input will be considered when we write the rules.

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To receive a free copy of the full staff report that discusses the proposed rules, contact the CPUC's Public Advisor at the address or telephone number below. For an electronic copy, go to <a href="www.cpuc.ca.gov">www.cpuc.ca.gov</a> and click on "Telecommunications Consumer Protection Rules" under the heading "Hot Topics," or send e-mail to <a href="mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov">public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov</a> to request a copy of the report.

At these Public Hearings, you also will have an opportunity to resolve any problems with your telephone bill. Telephone company representatives and CPUC staff will be there to answer questions and help you during the problem-solving sessions.

We need to hear your thoughts and opinions about these proposals and hear any other proposals related to consumer protection that you think are important.

If you cannot attend any of these hearings, you can express your views by sending them to the CPUC's Public Advisor. Also, if you have any questions about the Public Hearings, please contact the Public Advisor:

Public Advisor CPUC, Room 5303 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 703-2074 e-mail: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

If you have a specific service or billing problem with a telephone company, you can phone or write

Consumer Affairs Branch 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102 (800) 649-7570 e-mail: consumer-affairs@cpuc.ca.gov

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### **Public Hearings**

### San Fernando Valley, Thursday, June 15

6:00 p.m. Problem-solving session

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Public Hearing Multipurpose Center

11300 Glenoaks Blvd.

The Northeast Valley Senior

**Pacoima** 

San Francisco, Monday, June 19

Afternoon:

12:00 noon Problem-solving session Commission Auditorium

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Public Hearing California Public Utilities Commission

Evening: 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco

6:00 p.m. Problem-solving session

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Public Hearing

Riverside, Saturday, June 24

4:00 p.m. Problem-solving session Riverside Convention Center

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing 3443 Orange Street

Riverside

Sacramento, Monday, July 10

Afternoon:

12:00 noon Problem-solving session Auditorium

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Public Hearing Employment Development Department

722 Capitol Mall Sacramento

6:00 p.m. Problem-solving session EDD Room 4061

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Public Hearing 722 Capitol Mall

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#### Fresno, Tuesday, July 11

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Problem-solving session** 

**Public Hearing** 

Fresno Convention Center Selma Kingsburg Room

700 "M" Street

Fresno

### San Jose, Thursday, July 13

Afternoon:

12:00 noon

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Evening:

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Problem-solving session

**Public Hearing** 

San Jose State University
One Washington Square
San Jose

**Problem-solving session** 

**Public Hearing** 

#### San Luis Obispo, Monday, July 17

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Problem-solving session** 

**Public Hearing** 

The Forum on Marsh

**Main Room & Consultation Room** 

751 Marsh Street San Luis Obispo

#### Santa Monica, Thursday, July 27

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Problem-solving session** 

**Public Hearing** 

Santa Monica Public Library Main Room & Consultation Room 1343 6<sup>th</sup> Street

1343 6<sup>th</sup> Street Santa Monica

#### San Diego, Monday, July 31

Afternoon:

12:00 noon

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Evening:** 

6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Problem-solving session** 

**Public Hearing** 

Problem-solving session

**Public Hearing** 

Scottish Rite Center

1895 Camino del Rio South

San Diego

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**Long Beach Convention** 

Long Beach

Montebello

**Fullerton** 

& Entertainment Center 300 East Ocean Boulevard

**City Hall Council Chambers** 

**Fullerton College Auditorium** 

321 East Chapman Avenue

1600 Beverly Boulevard

### Long Beach, Wednesday, August 9

Afternoon:

12:00 noon Problem-solving session

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Public Hearing

**Evening:** 

6:00 p.m. Problem-solving session

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Public Hearing

Montebello, Thursday, August 10

Afternoon:

12:00 noon Problem-solving session

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Public Hearing

**Evening:** 

6:00 p.m. Problem-solving session

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Public Hearing

Fullerton, Tuesday, August 15

Afternoon:

12:00 noon Problem-solving session

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Public Hearing

**Evening:** 

6:00 p.m. Problem-solving session

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Public Hearing

Spanish language translation will be available at all locations.

All locations are accessible to the handicapped.

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